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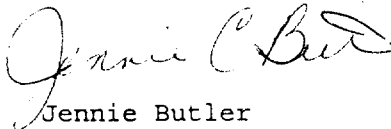
Michele R. Flicker
Merck & Co., Inc.
West Point, PA 19486

Dear Ms. Flicker:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration to add alendronate to the pediatric priority section of the list of approved drugs, was received by this office on 07/29/99. It was assigned docket number 99P-2547/CP 1 and it was filed on 07/29/99. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,



Jennie Butler
Dockets Management Branch

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